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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: JAPANESE RED ARMY IN SWEDEN

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SUMMARY: GOJ BELIEVES THAT AP STORY FEBRUARY 21 CONCERNING A SIZABLE CONCENTRATION OF JAPANESE RED ARMY (JRA) TERRORISTS IN SWEDEN IS FAR-FETCHED AND ERRONEOUS. GOJ KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF ONLY TWO SUSPECTS IN WESTERN EUROPE. BOTH ARE RESIDING IN SWEDEN. THEIR GOJ PASSPORTS HAVE BEEN INVALIDATED. END SUMMARY.

1. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH FONOFF (IJUIN, DEPUTY HEAD, SECOND WEST EUROPEAN DIVISION) CONCERNING AP STORY FEBRUARY 21 DATELINED STOCKHOLM WHICH DEPICTS SWEDEN AS EUROPEAN CENTER FOR JRA MEMBERS. QUOTING FROM SWEDISH DAILY "SVENSKA DAGBLADET,"
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STORY SAID THERE MAY BE FIVE TO TEN, OR AS MANY AS 40 JRA

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TERRORISTS IN SWEDEN.

2. IJUIN SAID THE AP ACCOUNT WAS FAR-FETCHED AND UNTRUE. HE SAID THAT GOJ KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF ONLY TWO JRA SUSPECTS (BOTH IN SWEDEN) IN ALL OF WESTERN EUROPE:

-- AKIRA KITAGAWA, ABOUT AGE 32, BELIEVED TO BE A LIAISON MAN FOR THE JRA. GOJ EMBASSY STOCKHOLM HAS ASKED HIM TO TURN IN HIS PASSPORT, BUT HE HAS REFUSED. HIS PASSPORT HAS THEREFORE BEEN INVALIDATED ON OCTOBER 30, 1974. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN LEGAL ACTION TO DEPORT HIM UNDER THE ALIEN TERRORIST ACT OF 1972. THE GOVERNMENT HAS, HOWEVER, SUSPENDED ITS DEPORTATION ORDER AND HE IS PRESENTLY RESIDING IN STOCKHOLM.
-- KYOICHI SHIMADA, ABOUT AGE 30, KNOWN TO BE A JRA MEMBER. GOJ HAS ISSUED A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST ON FEBRUARY 6, 1975, AND GOJ EMBASSY STOCKHOLM HAS ASKED HIM TO TURN IN HIS PASSPORT. HE HAS ALSO REFUSED, AND HIS PASSPORT HAS BEEN INVALIDATED. AS FAR AS IS KNOWN HERE, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS NOT AS YET TAKEN ANY DEPORTATION ACTION AGAINST HIM.

3. IJUIN SAID THAT IT IS GOJ POLICY TO USE ALL AVAILABLE MEANS TO FORCE THE RETURN OF JRA SUSPECTS TO JAPAN.

4. FYI: ACCORDING TO IJUIN, GOJ HAS A GOOD CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST SHIMADA, AND THE PASSPORT LAW PROVISION FOR DEMANDING THE PASSPORT OF PERSON AGAINST WHOM CRIMINAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED IS ABOVE QUESTION. REGARDING KITAGAWA, HOWEVER, THE GOJ CASE IS WEAK AND NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST HIM. TO FORCE HIS RETURN THE GOJ HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME INVOKED A PROVISION IN ITS PASSPORT LAW OF 1951 TO DEMAND HIS PASSPORT, THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF WHICH HAS YET TO BE TESTED. THE PROVISION (ARTICLE 13, PARA 1-5) READS: QTE: THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR A CONSULAR OFFICER MAY ORDER RETURN OF THE PASSPORT OF ANY PERSON AGAINST WHOM THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT HE HAS COMMITTED AN ACT WHICH MAY SERIOUS-LY AND DIRECTLY DAMAGE THE INTEREST OR PUBLIC SECURITY OF JAPAN. UNQTE. IJUIN HAS ASKED, THEREFORE, THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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WEAKNESS OF THE GOJ CASE AGAINST KITAGAWA AND THE GROUNDS FOR INVALIDATING HIS PASSPORT BE TREATED ON CLOSE-HOLD BASIS. END FYI.
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